

Expansion of Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) Programs

The bill significantly expands current Trade Adjustment Assistance Programs. Among other things, it extends TAA to trade-affected services sector workers and workers affected by offshoring or outsourcing to all countries, including China or India. It increases training funds available to states by 160 percent to \$575 million per fiscal year, creates a new TAA program for trade-affected communities, allows for automatic TAA eligibility for workers suffering from import surges and unfair trade, makes training, healthcare and reemployment TAA benefits more accessible and flexible, and improves the TAA for Firms and TAA for Farmers programs. It reauthorizes all TAA programs (which expired December 31, 2007) through December 31, 2010. (from [Full Summary of Provisions from the Senate Finance and House Ways & Means Committees](#))

How to Apply: TAA is administered through the Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration. For more information, visit <http://www.doleta.gov/tradeact/> .

Duty Refund Recollection

This provision prohibits U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) from demanding that U.S. lumber, steel, and other companies repay duties that CBP collected on Canadian and Mexican imports, and then distributed to the companies between 2001 and 2005. (from [Full Summary of Provisions from the Senate Finance and House Ways & Means Committees](#))

How to Apply: Application not necessary as the program is implemented.